

# **Medicaid Eligibility Changes**

**Medical Assistance Administration  
September 2003**

# CHANGES

- Income verification
- 6 month review
- Rescind continuous eligibility
- Premiums
- Elimination of MI

# Income Verification

New Policy April 1, 2003

Households must **verify** their income for Children's and Pregnancy medical at:

- Application
- Eligibility review
- Six month report

# How Will Income Be Verified?

- Employer contact – by telephone or employer statement
- ACES Interfaces
- Wage stubs, award letters
- Inquiry access to with other system (SEMS, SOLQ, GUIDE)
- Collateral contacts
- TALX

# Reportable Earned Income Changes

- Job start or stop
- Change in employers
- Increase in salary or wage rate
- Change in status from part time or full time or full time to part time

# 6 Month Review

New policy July 1, 2003

- Clients on Family and Children's medical will receive a 6 month certification period.
- An eligibility review is completed at the end of 6 months to receive continued medical.

# 6 Month Review

- Client will need to complete and return a 6-month review;
- Cases will close at 6 months for no review;
- Reported changes will be acted on; and
- Income will be verified.

# Rescind Continuous Eligibility

New policy (July 1, 2003)

- Changes **will be acted upon** and medical eligibility recalculated.

**GOOD NEWS:**

***Pregnancy Medical will  
retain continuous eligibility.***



# Premiums

Anticipated Policy January 1, 2004

**Premiums required for optional children:**

1. Apply Sneed-Kizer rules if applicable;
2. Determine if child must pay premiums;
3. Premium based on net available income.

# Premiums

Premiums **will be required** for the following groups of optional children:

## Age

0 - 1

1 - 5

6 - 19

## Income above

185% FPL

133% FPL

100% FPL

**200% FPL Medicaid (F06) & 250% FPL SCHIP (F07)**

**Optional Coverage Groups – Premiums Imposed**

**185% FPL  
0-1 Year of Age  
Family of 4  
Income  
\$2837**

**133% FPL  
1-5 years of Age  
Family of 4  
Income  
\$2040**

**100% FPL  
6-19 Years of Age  
Family of 4  
Income  
\$1534**

**Income does  
not apply to  
newborn of  
moms on Medicaid**

**Mandatory Coverage Groups  
Exempt from premiums**

# Premiums

<u>FPL</u>	<u>Premium amount</u>
100% to 150%	\$15
151% to 200%	\$20
201% to 250%	\$25

Household max = total of the three highest premiums

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**SNEEDE-KIZER**

# What is Sneede-Kizer?

Sneede v. Kizer (S/K) is the name of a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals class action settlement.

## Two key elements of S/K:

- Children are not financially responsible for their parents or siblings, and
- Spouses are financially responsible for each other and their children.

# Overview

**S/K characteristics are:**

- **Child with income**
- **Child with resources that make the family ineligible**
- **Child who lives with unmarried parents**
- **Child who lives with an adult who is not their parent\*\***

# Separate Medical Assistance Units

- ✓ Any child with S/K characteristic **must** have a separate MAU.
- ✓ A household with S/K characteristics will have multiple MAUs.
- ✓ Each MAU will receive a review form and medical ID card.





# Eliminate MI Program

- ✓ MI program ends June 30, 2003.
- ✓ Hospitals may submit applications for retro medical until 9/30/03.
- ✓ No approval for services after 6/30/03.
- ✓ No program to replace MI.

# Options for elimination of MI

1. Apply at the CSO to see if you are eligible for another program.
2. Hospitals are required to offer “charity care” (WAC 246-453-020)
3. New Psychiatric Indigent Inpatient program available July 1, 2003 (WAC 388-865-0217).
4. ITA – pay through MMIS same as before.

# MAA Web Site

Information on upcoming medical  
program changes can be found at:

[http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/  
ProgramChanges2003/](http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/ProgramChanges2003/)

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